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**AFTER FINAL RESPONSE  
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 3367**

**PATENT**  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 06530.0170-05

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Juergen A. KORTENBACH ) Group Art Unit: 3734  
Application No.: 10/612,005 ) Examiner: Diane D. Yabut  
Filed: July 3, 2003 )  
For: FLEXIBLE ENDOSCOPIC ) Confirmation No.: 3367  
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**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the final Office Action dated August 7, 2008, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.